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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs
Shipment 7
December 2015



USDA FOOD Shipment 7 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information.

This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability and warehouse space.

Newsletter is Online, too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_N utrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

USDA Foods Update

Orange Juice

As a reminder, the orange juice has been moved from shipment 8 to shipment 6 to help make room in the warehouse freezer.

Note

Please make sure when you receive your items from the trucking company, you are only receiving what is on the Bill of Lading (sheet that comes with the trucking company). The trucking company is not the only one responsible for making sure they deliver what is ordered. Schools also need to make sure they are receiving the correct products and amounts.

Also, schools are NOT allowed to decline orders from the trucking company unless the item is damaged. All changes in orders need to be done before the shipment starts and NOT once the shipment arrives at your door. Please contact Tessa Bailly at

tbailly@mt.gov or 406-444-4412 if you would like to request order changes.

Extra items for schools with entitlement left:

All schools are cleared to order extra items.

Go
ahead and send me an email with what you would like.

The amounts listed are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

USDA Foods	Cases Left	Price/case
Strawberry cups, fzn	849	\$45.89
Cheese, mozz, shred, fzn	787	\$61.82
Peas, fzn	578	\$18.59
Strawberry slices, fzn	521	\$34.94
Tomato paste, cnd	510	\$23.07
Beans, Great Northern, cnd	484	\$13.73
Ham, cooked, fzn	452	\$63.32
Peaches, cnd	443	\$35.09
Beans, Kidney, cnd	422	\$15.95
Pork leg roast, frz	351	\$54.48
Cheese, red fat, shred, fzn	299	\$64.71
Flour, whole wheat	297	\$9.20
Raisins (144, 1.33 oz boxes/case)	289	\$18.02
Vegetable oil	279	\$23.08
Mixed fruit, cnd	252	\$37.87
Beans, black, cnd	235	\$15.48
Turkey deli, fzn	215	\$115.69
Chicken, diced, fzn	177	\$92.92
Ground beef, fzn	144	\$122.02
Beans, Pinto, cnd	149	\$13.56
Eggs, fzn	79	\$91.22
Cheese, American sliced	101	\$50.80
Apple slices, cnd	93	\$29.19
Rice, brown	91	\$29.07

Pears, cnd	46	\$32.15
Orange juice (70, 4 oz boxes/cs)	35	\$9.49
Spaghetti	21	\$7.83
Pancakes, fzn	14	\$8.68
Corn, cnd	1	\$18.26

OPI Cooperative Purchase Program

Sysco Montana, Inc. (Sysco) was the successful bidder for the current cycle. Sysco will bill the participating school food authorities (SFA) for food items ordered/received. Payment for products must be made within 45 days of delivery for each delivery period.

Orders **AND** signature pages are due in the OPI office on or before **December 17, 2015**. The signature page must (no exceptions, please) accompany submitted orders before those orders can be processed. Please respect the deadline as time is crucial to complete the process as scheduled. Sysco will receive the actual order numbers to procure products and deliver to the participating sponsors.

The first delivery is scheduled to begin January 25, 2016, and be completed by May 6, 2016. Sysco will contact each participating sponsor with the actual delivery dates for that site. Please respond to a voice mail or email to confirm delivery if you do not talk to their contact on the phone. The second, third, and fourth deliveries will be made at four (4) week intervals, to be completed by May 6, 2016. The revised bid language states that if the awarded bidder wishes to alter the delivery schedule with split shipments, schools must be contacted and give their permission to do so before the deliveries begin. Communication between the school and the vendor should take place to determine what foods/supplies can be delivered on split deliveries.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions or concerns about this bid, please call Cindy Giese, Cooperative Purchase Program Coordinator at (406) 366-9829 or Clay Hickman at the Helena office at (406) 444-2501 or the toll free number (888) 231-9393.